

Please add claims 10-20.

10. The device according to Claim 2 wherein the support surface is smooth with low friction, consists of a material with high thermal conductivity and is heated by thermal energy in the form of hot water, oil or another medium.

11. The device according to Claim 2 wherein the support surface has channels or perforations to drain the moisture from the leather.

12. The device according to Claim 3 wherein the support surface has channels or perforations to drain the moisture from the leather.

13. The device according to Claim 10 wherein the support surface has channels or perforations to drain the moisture from the leather.

14. The device according to Claim 3 wherein the contact pressure device possesses a stretchable membrane, fitted with a stretching mechanism, that presses the leather piece against the lamellae on the support surface.

15. The device according to Claim 4 wherein the contact pressure device possesses a stretchable membrane, fitted with a stretching mechanism, that presses the leather piece against the lamellae on the support surface.

16. The device according to Claim 10 wherein the contact pressure device possesses a stretchable membrane, fitted with a stretching mechanism, that presses the leather piece against the lamellae on the support surface.

17. The device according to Claim 3, wherein the stretchable membrane possesses channels, nubs, perforations and the like for the drainage of moisture from the leather.

18. The device according to Claim 5, wherein the stretchable membrane possesses channels, nubs, perforations and the like for the drainage of moisture from the leather.

19. The device according to Claim 2 wherein the moveable lamellae present a sliding surface to the support surface and a surface able to move with the leather piece laid on it.

and a contact pressure device (~~AD2~~) consisting of a second lamella system (~~LM2~~) fitted to a rigid, inextensible plate (~~P~~) , connected to a stretching mechanism and mounted as a mirror image of the lower lamella system (~~LM1~~), ~~w~~whereby characterized that the lamellae (~~LM1~~, ~~LM2~~) can be deployed outwards by a circular movement around a fixed pin.

3. (currently amended) The Ddevice according to Claims ~~1~~ [~~and 2~~ thereby characterized that wherein the support surface (~~AF~~) is smooth with low friction, consists of a material with high thermal conductivity and is heated by thermal energy in the form of hot water, oil or another medium.

4. (currently amended) The Ddevice according to Claim[s] ~~1~~ [~~to 3~~ thereby characterized that 2 wherein the support surface (~~AF~~) has channels or perforations to drain the moisture from the leather.

5. (currently amended) The Ddevice according to Claims ~~1,3~~ and ~~4~~ thereby characterized that 2 wherein the contact pressure device (~~AD~~) possesses a stretchable membrane (~~M~~), fitted with ~~ist own~~ a stretching mechanism, that presses the leather piece (~~L~~) against the lamellae (~~LM1~~) on the support surface (~~AF~~).

6. (currently amended) The Ddevice according to Claims ~~1, 3~~ and ~~5~~ thereby characterized that 2 wherein the stretchable membrane (~~M~~) possesses channels, nubs, perforations and the like for the drainage of moisture from the leather.

7. (currently amended) The Ddevice according to Claim ~~2~~ thereby characterized that wherein the rigid, inextensible plate (~~P~~) possesses channels, nubs, perforations and the like for the drainage of moisture from the leather.

8. (currently amended) The Ddevice according to Claims ~~1 to 7~~ thereby characterized that 2 wherein the moveable lamellae (~~LM1~~, ~~LM2~~) present a sliding surface to the support surface (~~AF~~) and a surface able to move with the leather piece (~~L~~) laid on it.

9. (cancelled).